making one or two lakhs of rupees therefrom and the loss that might be incurred by abolishing these gates would be more than compensated by the receipts from the petrol tax revenue.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that granting, for the sake of argument, that the Government agreed to abolish provincial toll-gates, the District Boards which derived a good part of their income through toll-gates might not agree to abolishing district fund gates.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR requested the Government to make up their mind to abolish provincial toll-gates and hoped that if that was done, the District Boards would also abolish the gates under their control.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL remarked that this did not appear to be practical politics at present.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR, however, did not think so. He concluded with the observation that the proposed Bill appeared to him like an ill wind that did nobody any good. He was sure that the people of the State did not want it and as such he was unable to see the reason why the Government were proposing to introduce it.

At this stage, the Assembly rose for the day to meet again on Monday, 22nd October 1934.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, 22nd October 1934.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*Contd.*

Repair of the Breached Tank of Mannigarahalli, Magadi Taluk.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY (Magadi Taluk).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Is it a fact that the raiyats have requested that the breached tank of Mannigarahalli Village, Kudur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, should be got repaired ?

(*b*) How many years ago was this report made ?

(*c*) For how many years is the record relating to this tank pending ?

(*d*) (i) Is it a fact that the villagers have asked for the repair of this tank, and (ii) deposited money therefor?

(*e*) When was the money deposited ?

(*f*) What action have Government taken after the money was deposited?

(*g*) Have the Government given any endorsement to the villagers to the effect that the tank would be repaired ?

(*h*) Is it a fact that the plan of the tank has been prepared ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—6. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About three years ago.

(*c*) Since three years.

(*d*) (i) *Vide* answer to (*a*) above.

(ii) A small amount of Rs. 60 has been deposited.

(*e*) Information not readily available.

(*f*) Project has been prepared.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Yes.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—With reference to answer to (*c*) stating that the records relating to this tank are pending since the past three years, may I know on what basis this information has been furnished ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—From the office records.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—Was not this request made so early as the year 1915 and was not a notice given to the villagers by the taluk authorities in C. No. 19, dated 6th December 1915, that the restoration work would be taken up if the villagers agreed to bear one-third of the estimated cost and also deposited an acreage contribution of Rs. 50 in advance ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The answer has been furnished from the available records. The estimate for the work comes to Rs. 9,700 and the raiyats'

share of contribution is Rs. 7,010. After the restoration, the assessment will be Rs. 6 per acre. If the people agree to this enhanced assessment and also to pay the contribution and if the Deputy Commissioner reports to that effect, the Government will examine the question of taking up the work.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—With reference to answer (*e*), why is it that the information is not readily available? Are not the treasury accounts maintained properly? On 7th December 1915, we deposited Rs. 50. Was it not received?

DEWAN.—The matter will be examined by the Chief Engineer.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—Were not the necessary plans and estimates prepared in 1916-17?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—Did not the raiyats offer to bear a half the cost instead of $\frac{1}{3}$ demanded by Government, if a revised project was sanctioned? Is it not regrettable that Government do not sanction works in respect of which people are prepared to pay more than their due share of contribution?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The project papers have been sent to the Deputy Commissioner. If the raiyats will agree to the enhanced rate of assessment as also to the contribution proposed and intimate the same through the revenue authorities, the matter will be expedited.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—When the total estimate is Rs. 9,700 why was the raiyats' contribution fixed so high as Rs. 7,000 and odd? Is it not nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ths share of the cost?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—It is calculated on the basis of all the excess over 20 years' assessment being borne by raiyats.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—What is the extent of the present *atchkat* and what will it be after the restoration of the tank?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—There is no regular *atchkat* now and after restoration it will be about 79 acres. All these lands are at present being irrigated from the seepage water in the village.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—How does the raiyats' contribution work out?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—At about Rs. 90 per acre.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—If, as a result of restoration, the *atchkat* will get reduced, why should the tank be restored at all?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—While at present all the lands depend only upon seepage water for irrigation, after the restoration the lands will be assured of a regular supply of water.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Under the existing procedure relating to restoration of major and minor tanks, is it usual to collect the contribution amount in advance or is it the practice to commence work after *mutchalikas* are executed by the raiyats agreeing to the levy?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Both the systems are in vogue.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—If so, what is the objection to commence the work if the raiyats execute the necessary *mutchalikas*?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The matter will be considered after hearing from the Revenue Department regarding the *mutchalikas*.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Are there any instances in which the Government have insisted upon the raiyats depositing any amount before the work is commenced? Is such a system in vogue anywhere else?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—How many units of water will the tank hold after restoration?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Seventy units.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—How many acres can it irrigate?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—About 79 acres.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—What is the present rate of assessment?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—It works out at about Rs. 3 per acre.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—How are the Government justified in enhancing the rate to Rs. 6 after the restoration.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Because the Government have got to invest more than Rs. 2,000 over and above the raiyats' contribution and the prevailing rate in the locality is about Rs. 6 per acre.

MR. T. MARIAPPA.—With reference to answer (*g*), why was no endorsement given to the villagers even though they have been petitioning the Government since 1915?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Supposing the raiyats agree to bear the entire cost of restoration, will the existing rate of assessment be retained?

DEWAN.—The entire question will be re-examined in the light of the discussions.

Experimental Measure of conducting Amarai Sales by the Forest Department.

MR. R. DASAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the average *amarai* income realised by the Forest Department for two years after the power of conducting *amarai* sales throughout the State was transferred to the Forest Department?

(*b*) What is the average income for two years which was being realised by the Revenue Department prior to the transfer to the Forest Department of the power of conducting the *amarai* sales?

(*c*) Have any purchasers of the right of collecting *amarai* produce, sold only talukwar by the Forest Department, complained to Government that they have suffered loss and that relief may be given to them?

(*d*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state who they are?

(*e*) When the item was being sold villagewar by the Revenue Department during the *Jamabandi*, did any of the purchasers complain that they had suffered loss and did they ask for relief?

(*f*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state who they are?

(*g*) Whether the transfer of the power of conducting *amarai* sales from the Revenue to the Forest Department has resulted in gain or loss to Government?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—7. (*a*) The power of conducting the *amarai* sales was not transferred to the Forest Department. Government in their Order No. G. 5199-210—Ft. 452-26-11, dated 21st October 1929, directed that the minor forest produce and *amarai* be sold together under the authority of the Forest Department as a tentative measure in one *maidan* and one *malnad* district for two years. As this did not work well in the Bangalore District, the old system has been revived there. In the Kadur District, however, this scheme has been continued till the end of June 1936 as an experimenta measure.

(*b*) to (*g*) In view of the answer to Question No. (*a*) *supra*, these questions do not arise.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—With reference to the reply of the Government that the experimental measure did not succeed in the Bangalore District and therefore the old system has been revived, are the Government aware that the Forest Department is still in charge of the situation and that the Chief Conservator has notified the auction sales?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—No, the Government are not aware of it.

MR. R. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that on the 27th September last the Chief Conservator sent intimation to all the concerned villages that sales were going to be held?